



## 2017-2018 Lone Star Reading List

Recommended reading list for students in grades 6-8 including popular young adult books selected by public and school librarians in Texas.

Author	Title, Call Number & Brief Description
<b>Brody, Jessica</b>	<a href="#"><u>A Week of Mondays</u></a> <b>YA F BRODY</b> Sixteen-year-old Ellison Sparks keeps reliving the terrible Monday on which her boyfriend, Tristan, breaks up with her and no matter how hard she tries, she cannot seem to set things right.
<b>Carter, Aimee</b>	<a href="#"><u>Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den</u></a> <b>J CARTER</b> Simon Thorn, twelve, is able to talk with animals, but when his mother is kidnapped by a herd of New York City rats he learns he, his mother, and his uncle are all Animalgams--able to change into an animal at will--and that Simon may be able to save the beleaguered Five Animal Kingdoms.
<b>Collier, Peter</b>	<a href="#"><u>Choosing Courage: Inspiring True Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero</u></a> <b>920 COL</b> What turns an ordinary person into a hero? What happens in the blink of an eye on a battlefield (or in any dangerous situation) to bring out true courage? The men and women who have been recognized by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation know the answers to these questions deep in their hearts.
<b>Davies, Linda</b>	<a href="#"><u>Longbow Girl</u></a> <b>YA F DAVIES</b> Sixteen-year-old expert archer Merry Owen is desperate to save her family's farm in Wales, in the shadow of the Black Castle, and when she finds a buried chest containing an ancient and hopefully valuable Welsh text, she hopes it will be the key to a fortune--and so it is, but not in the way she expected, for it sends her and her friend James de Courcy into past.
<b>Eager, Lindsay</b>	<a href="#"><u>Hour of the Bees</u></a> <b>YA F EAGER</b> At first, twelve-year-old Carol is not happy to be spending the summer helping her parents move her grandfather to an assisted living home, but as the summer wears on, she finds herself drawn to him, fascinated by his amazing stories.
<b>Elliott, Kate</b>	<a href="#"><u>Court of Fives</u></a> <b>YA SF ELLIOTT</b> When a scheming lord tears Jess's family apart, she must rely on her unlikely friendship with Kal, a high-ranking Patron boy, and her skill at Fives, an intricate, multi-level athletic competition that offers a chance for glory, to protect her Commoner mother and mixed-race sisters and save her father's reputation.
<b>Gangsei, Jan</b>	<a href="#"><u>Zero Day</u></a> <b>YA F GANGSEI</b> Eight years after being kidnapped Addie Webster, now sixteen, resurfaces under mysterious circumstances, significantly changed, and her childhood best friend, Darrow Fergusson, is asked by a national security advisor to spy on her to uncover whether she is a threat to her father's Presidency or the nation.

<b>Gratz, Alan</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Code of Honor</u></a> <b>YA F GRATZ</b> When Iranian-American Kamran Smith learns that his big brother, Darius, has been labelled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the codes and clues that will save his brother's life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack.</p>
<b>Graudin, Ryan</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Wolf by Wolf</u></a> <b>YA F GRAUDIN</b> The first book in a duology about an alternate version of 1956 where the Axis powers won WWII, and hold an annual motorcycle race across their conjoined continents to commemorate their victory.</p>
<b>Harrington, Karen</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Mayday</u></a> <b>J HARRINGTON</b> Twelve-year-old Wayne Kovok loses his uncle to war and his voice to a plane crash in the same year and must learn to speak up as he navigates relationships with his father, grandfather, and new friend, Denny Rosenblatt.</p>
<b>Henry, April</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>The Girl I Used to Be</u></a> <b>YA M HENRY</b> Olivia's parents were killed fourteen years ago. Now, new evidence reopens the case ... and she finds herself involved.</p>
<b>Jobling, Curtis</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Max Helsing and the Thirteenth Curse</u></a> <b>J JOBLING</b> Max van Helsing and a group of friends try to save the world after he discovers he has been cursed by an evil warlock who intends to reclaim the earth for monsters.</p>
<b>Khoury, Jessica</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>The Forbidden Wish</u></a> <b>YA F KHOURY</b> When Aladdin discovers a jinni lamp, Zahra finds herself in a world where magic is forbidden. She must disguise herself to stay alive, using ancient shape-shifting magic, until her new master has selected his three wishes. When the King of the Jinn offers Zahra a chance to be free of her lamp forever, she seizes the opportunity. She is falling in love with Aladdin, but saving herself means betraying him. Now Zahra must decide: is winning her freedom worth losing her heart?</p>
<b>Khoury, Jessica</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Kalahari</u></a> <b>YA SF KHOURY</b> Deep in the Kalahari Desert, a Corpus lab protects a dangerous secret. But what happens when that secret takes on a life of its own? When an educational safari goes wrong, five teens find themselves stranded in the Kalahari Desert without a guide.</p>
<b>Liss, David</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Randoms</u></a> <b>J LISS</b> A twelve-year-old boy is chosen to join a four-person applicant team to work towards membership in the Confederation of United Planets, and stumbles across conspiracies resembling science fiction he's been a fan of his entire life.</p>
<b>Long, Susan, Hill</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>The Magic Mirror: Concerning a Lonely Princess, a Foundling Girl, a Scheming King and a Pickpocket Squirrel</u></a> <b>J LONG</b> From the time she was a crippled baby, left in a church, Maggie's life has never been easy but when she glimpses her destiny in a magic mirror, she</p>

	goes off on a quest to find her father and, along the way, finds happiness, as well.
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<b>Magoon, Kekla</b>	<b>Shadows of Sherwood</b> <b>J MAGOON</b> When Nott City is taken over by a harsh governor, Ignomus Crown, and her parents disappear, twelve-year-old Robyn Loxley flees for her life and joins a group of children trying to take back what is rightfully theirs in this futuristic retelling of Robin Hood.
<b>Reynolds, Jason</b>	<b>Ghost</b> <b>J REYNOLDS</b> Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team -- a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.
<b>Sands, Kevin</b>	<b>The Blackthorn Key</b> <b>J SANDS</b> In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.
<b>Welch, Jenna Evans</b>	<b>Love and Gelato</b> <b>YA F WELCH</b> After her mother dies, Lina travels to Italy where she discovers her mother's journal and sets off on an adventure to unearth her mother's secrets.